that DMT supplied by M/s. Bombay Dyeing and Manufacturing Company Limited is acceptable by users.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Telephone in Frozen telephone exchanges

2713. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to provide telephones in the Frozen Telephone Exchanges after taking 20 to 25 thousand rupees per connection; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise in view of reply to part (a) above.

Engineering Projects India Limited

2714. SHRI NIRMAL CHATTERJEE: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have conducted any inquiry in the two projects of the Engineering Projects (India) Limited viz., ABHP in Kuwait and OMBP in Iraq;

(b) if so, the results of the said inquiry;

(c) if no inquiry has been conducted so far, whether that would be conducted now; and

(d) if not, what are the reasons for the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) The Committee on Public Undertakings in its 50th Report has already gone into this matter in details and action in terms of the recommendations of the Committee as accepted by the Government have been taken by the management of EPI/Government.

Grant of rebate on unsold khadi

2715. DR. SHANTI G. PATEL:
DR. (SHRIMATI) SAROJINI MAHISHI:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Bombay Khadi and Village Industries Association has approached his Ministry for rebate on the unsold khadi; and

(b) if so, what is the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) No, Sir. Rebate is payable only on Khadi sold.

(b) Does not arise.

RUBBER FOR TYRE AND ALLIED INDUSTRIES

2716. SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR:
SHRI S.W. DHABE:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what was the total quantity of rubber required for tyre and allied industries in the country in the last three years; and

(b) whether it is a fact that indigenous manufacturers are getting lesser prices than their foreign counterparts; if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM):

(a) The consumption of rubber viz. natural rubber and synthetic rubber during

the last 3 years for tyre and non tyre indu stry has been as under:

(Figures in tons)

Year	Natural Rubber			Synthetic Rubber		
	Tyre Sector	Non-Tyre Sector	Total	Tyre Sector	Non-Tyre Sector	Total
1982-83	105550	89995	195545	30462	19138	49600
1983-84	114447	95033	209480	34766	20259	55025
1984-85	113944	103566	217510	36224	22071	58295

(b) The international price both for natural as well as synthetic rubber is lower then the indigenous price and as such indigenous manufacturers are getting higher price than their foreign counterparts.

Winding up sick public sector undertaking

2717. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to wiad up 3 public sector undertaknigs;

(b) if so, whether the projects are the Engineering Projects India Limited, Hindustan Steel Works Construction Limited and Cycle Corporation of India Limited;

(c) if so, whether Government have drawn up plans for alternative measures like amalgamation or merger or outright takeover by private sector companies;

(d) if so, the main reasons thereof; and

(e) what are the alternative plans?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) No decision has been taken by the Government in this regard.

(b) to (e) In view of reply to part(a) above, do not arise.

COMMISSION ON PETROL, DIESEL AND LUBE OIL

2718. SHRI KISHOR MEHTA: SHRI DHARAM CHANDER PRASHANT:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a demand by the All India Petrol Dealers' Association for more commission on petrol, Diesel and Lube Oil;

(b) what was the dealers' commission on Lube Oil in terms of percentage to cost of product in 1975 and what is the commission now;

(c) whether there is a demand by the dealers to charge for air provided to vehicles as the cost of maintenance of compressors and electricity charges have become quite steep; and

(d) whether Government are thinking of providing relief to the Petrol dealers in any manner?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The existing dealers' commission on lube oil works out to about 10 percent of the cost while before 1975 the dealer was permitted to charge upto 20 per cent of the cost as commission.